Application Serial No. 10/581,402 Response to Office Action

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Makiko MIYAIRI

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For : ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING A BACK

SHEET THAT INCLUDES A COLORED AREA AND AT LEAST A PORTION THAT ALLOWS LIGHT FROM AN OPTICAL SENSOR TO PASS THERETHROUGH

Art Unit : 3761

Examiner : MICHELE M. KIDWELL

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2009, the term for response to which expires on December 28, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1 and 4 are amended; claims 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, and 11 are maintained; claims 3, 6, 9 and 12 are canceled; and claims 13 and 14 are added.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

This paper is being submitted via EFS-Web on December 28, 2009

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